

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, regular meeting, held at the Twp Hall Jacksontown, OH at 7:00pm on March 7, 2005.

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order with the following members present: Dave Miller, Ron Acord, Joe Cooper and Jill Linn.

Others present: Jerry Franks, Joe Walker, Mike Wilson, Scott Rawdon, Robert Snedden Sr., Cindy Fields, Richard Cash, Mike Briggs, Shannon Arbaugh, Steve Patterson and Charlie Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attached is a copy of all expenditures totaling \$21,090.96.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed by the Trustees.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. _____, Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Acord that he attached list of bills be approved as the lawful obligation of Licking Township and the Clerk be directed to issue warrants of the Township in payment of the same. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. There will be a Computer Recycling Event from March 18 - March 19.
2. Trustees received the march Grassroots Clippings.
3. Received a notice from the LCHD regarding a dog bite incident.
4. Received notice from the LCPC regarding an extension of time to one year for Wellington Mills Phase I Final Plat.
5. Received notice from the Licking Township Board of Zoning Appeals regarding a variance for James and Wilma Epifano.
6. Received a resolution from the Licking County Commissioners authorizing the County Engineer to reduce Load limits on Licking Township roads.
7. Received a letter from the Anthony Stucco regarding BCI checks on current employees.

Robert Snedden, Sr. asked if the copy of the February 7 meeting was done. He was told that the clerk could not get a copy of the meeting recorded on another tape.

Mike Wilson gave the Fire Co. report. There were 67 runs in the month of February. The fire class is going well. Mr. Wilson asked about the selling of the old fire trucks. Mr. Cooper asked if they can hold off on selling the 59' GMC to

see if it can be used for brine water if the Township decided to use the brine water. After a discussion, the Trustees will let him know at the next meeting so that they can check to see how much brine water will cost the Township. A discussion took place regarding the process of donating property.

Mr. Cooper asked if a report is done on residential fires. Mr. Wilson said that everything is reported. Mr. Cooper mentioned that he and Mr. Walker met with the Building Code Department regarding the remodeling of homes in the Township. Mr. Cooper asked if Mr. Wilson could forward fire reports to Mr. Walker so that Mr. Walker can forward them to the Building Code Department so that when they start to remodel it is done to code.

Mr. Acord made a motion to give the Fire Co. paid personnel a \$.50 raise. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Acord made a motion to give the Fire Chief a 10% pay raise. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Trustees for the raises.

Mr. Acord asked about the discontinuance of the old Fire Department. Mr. Wilson said that some information was sent back for corrections and still needs to be sent to the Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Walker mentioned that the Fire Co. is doing an outstanding job. Mr. Walker turned in 2 permits totaling \$300. There were no violations but he has check on a couple of complaints.

Mr. Cooper asked Mr. Walker about the Epifano variance request. Mr. Walker mentioned that the land was plotted in the 20's and will recommend that the Zoning Board of Appeals approve the variance.

The Cemetery Bids were opened and were read as follows:

Shannon Arbaugh \$285.00
Matthew Dosch \$200.00
Upper Cut Lawncare \$363.00
Wilson Lawn Service \$200.00
Lyons Landscape \$275.00
Lawnboyz \$235.00
Lowrey's \$194.00
Stanley's Lawn Care \$310.00
Maltese Mowing \$210.00
Cormican Lawn Care \$185.00

Mr. Miller made a motion to table the award of the cemetery mowing bid so that the Trustees can review the bids. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.

In regards to the tree inventory, Mr. Miller, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Davis looked at some trees that weren't on the list that should be added to the list. The Trustees reviewed pictures of trees that need attention.

Mr. Cooper asked if Mr. Miller heard anything from the county regarding limb pick up. Mr. Miller said that he attended a two hour meeting with FEMA and was told that if the Township picked up and chipped the limbs then the Township can apply for a grant but if the Township were to just haul the limbs away the Township may or may not be reimbursed. We will be reimbursement for the some of the cost of the ice storm.

Mr. Miller mentioned that they are still working on the clean up in the cemeteries.

In regards to the property owned by Robert Snedden Sr. on Somerset Road, Mr. Cooper will get information on what an acceptable slope is.

Mr. Acord said that the road grader needs to have the brakes repaired that will cost anywhere from a low as \$2000 and as high as \$4000. Mr. Miller made a motion to have Al's Equipment repair the brakes on the road grader. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Miller mentioned that the weight limit signs are up. He also thanked the road crew for a job well done.

Mr. Cooper made a resolution requesting that Robert Taft, Governor of the State of Ohio, rescind the proposed ten percent reduction of local governmental funds to Ohio Townships. He would also like to prepare information for the website and include contact information for the legislators. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.

Cindy Fields asked about making it easier to access the website. Mr. Cooper explained the situation regarding the website.

A discussion took place regarding Mr. Weekly's property on Terry Linn Drive whose well is gushing over and across the road. A discussion followed. Mr. Miller said that it needs to be looked at and they may need to put in a ditch. A discussion also took place regarding water problems on Fairmont Road.

Shannon Arbaugh asked about adding a third story to her home. She was told to contact Joe Walker and the County Building Code Department.

Mr. Acord asked about having the Township Hall painted this summer.

Mr. Miller was informed by the county that they will be putting in a new culvert on Rosemary Drive.

Mike Briggs was given permission to have the fire application copied.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Acord. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.